

## NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.

ND PSC Case#: PU-15-174

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM

DATE: 9/07/2017

Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Vestas American Wind Technology, Inc. (Vestas) is the Turbine Supplier. The construction management team from Wanzek is on-site and engaged in construction management. All Transmission Line work is complete. All Collection cable plowing is complete. All Turbine Component deliveries are complete. Erection is complete. Circuit energization is complete. All 100 Turbines have been energized and the Commercial Operation Date was signed on December 1, 2016. Wanzek has completed the spring work and the Final Completion Certificate has been signed. The North Dakota Department of Health has approved Xcel Energy's request for Notice of Termination of Coverage under NDPDES Storm Water Permit NDR100000 on August 18, 2017. Samantha Swanberg met with Xcel Energy on August 30, 2017 to perform a SWPPP review and was satisfied with the state of the project. Please consider this the final report as construction has concluded and vegetation has been established.